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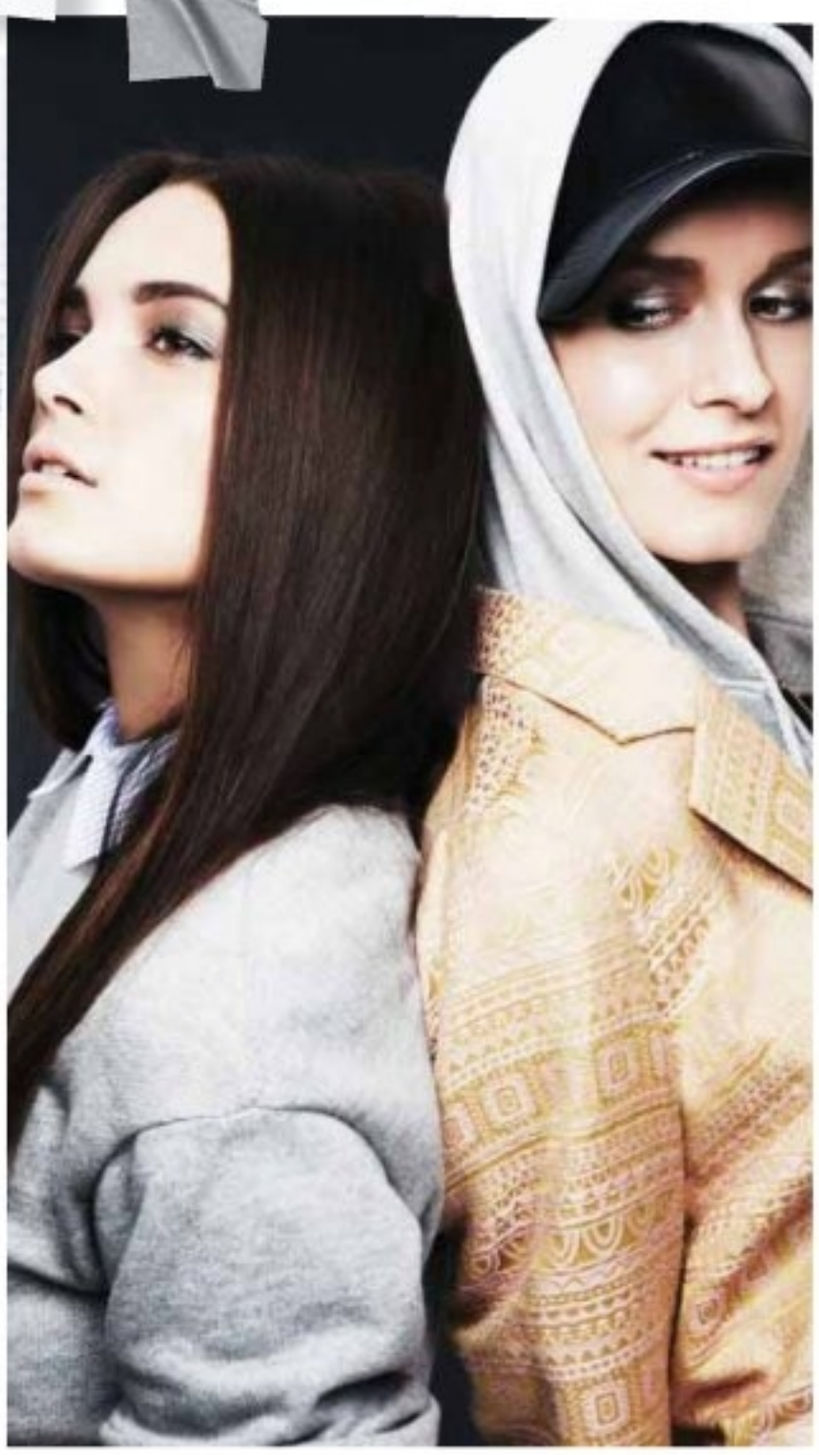

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COLLAPSE AND CHAOS

Deadly. Officials fear more are dead under the rubble after a building collapsed in Center City yesterday morning. **What happened?** Officials have not found a reason for the incident and some are saying an investigation could take six months. **Unsafe.** Witnesses claim they knew the site wasn't stable. PAGES 02-04

Emergency crews pulled survivors and at least one body out of the rubble in yesterday morning's building collapse. / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

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There still may be some people unaccounted for after yesterday's building collapse. / PHOTO PROVIDED, RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Casualties mount in building collapse

Search and rescue. More feared dead as crews work around the clock.

At least one person is confirmed dead after a building collapsed near 22nd and Market streets yesterday morning. Several media outlets last night reported more dead bodies were recovered, but officials could not comment by press time.

At least 13 more were injured as they were pulled from the bricks and rubble spilled across the busy Center City strip.

Mayor Michael Nutter said the area is still very much an active search-and-rescue site to find any more people who may be trapped and to begin clean-up efforts.

Around 10:45 a.m. yesterday, emergency workers responded to a commercial four-story property at 2136 Market Street, which collapsed onto the neighboring Salvation Army thrift store at 2140 Market St., causing that property to partially collapse.

The 4,200-square-foot former retail store was in stages of demolition. City officials said they still don't know what caused the collapse.

Only a few hours after the incident, the body of a 35-year-old woman was pulled from the debris. Others were pulled out by emergency officials and passers-by. Thirteen were brought to area hospitals. One official with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania said the patients treated there had "relatively minor injuries."

"I ask that all Philadelphians and all who care to keep that person and her family in your prayers," Nutter said at a 6 p.m. press conference last night.

The victims

More than a dozen injured were sent to area hospitals.

- Officials at HUP said the patients they treated had "relatively minor injuries."
- Injuries included cuts, bruises, scrapes, head injuries and more.
- As of press time, it was unclear how many were treated and released.

Quoted

"We want to make sure that we have in fact been able to [identify] that no one else is in that building and our efforts will not stop until we have every confirmation we need to ensure that kind of outcome."
Nutter

"Second, we pray for the speedy recovery of the 13 individuals who were able to get out of his potentially incredible tragedy that could have taken place here today."

Fire Commissioner Lloyd Ayers said search-and-rescue operations at the site will continue for at least 24 more hours to look for more possibly trapped.

Ayers also said dogs are on scene to help in rescue efforts. Dan Gillis, a construction worker from Cinnaminson, N.J., who was working across the street, told Reuters he saw a crane remove a supporting beam from the front of the building. Then, the wall next to the thrift store started to sway, he said.

Witnesses said they thought the construction site was unsafe. One onlooker said it was an accident waiting to happen.

Carlton Williams, commissioner of the Department of Licenses and Inspections for Philadelphia, said the site had all the permits needed for demolition. The owner is Richard Bosciano with STB Investments. Griffin and Campbell Construction was on site as the demolition contractors.

ALEX WIGGLESWORTH, TOMMY ROWAN, AND CHRISTINA PACIOLLA

Doc speaks

Collapse site is 'a sad metaphor' says Local 98 manager

The site of yesterday's collapse was "an absolute recipe for disaster," according to Local 98 business manager John Dougherty.

He said he's been hearing rumblings about possible safety violations at the property, whose demolition was being overseen by nonunion Northeast Philadelphia contractor Griffin-Campbell Construction, LLC.

"But this is deeper," Dougherty said, calling the collapse a "sad metaphor for the whole enforcement of the entire city's construction issues."

According to documents released by the city, Plato Marinako Jr. of the Plato Studio architectural firm, was in February listed as on the demolition permit application as expediter.

As the title suggests, expediters speed up the paperwork process for contractors – for a fee.

"I see it every day – expeditors don't know what they're doing," Dougherty said. "Could the expeditor tell you if the walls were underpinned? Could the expeditor tell you if a guy was licensed to run material on the job? Was the expeditor the on job on a weekly basis, or did he just make a fee to pull a permit?"

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"Thoughts and prayers to people affected by the building collapse at 22nd & Market. I worked two blocks away for years."
Philadelphia attorney James P. McCoy, @philly_esq, on yesterday's tragedy

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A Drexel University associate professor said the collapse wasn't expected, but was "predictable." / RIKARD LARMA, METRO

Engineer: No easy answer to questions

What happened?
As the dust settles on a building collapse in the heart of Center City, officials are left with questions.

Drexel University Associate Professor Robert Brehm said there is no easy answer to the question of the day: Was the building properly secured by demolition crews?

"When you're demolishing an old building, it's not a science," said Brehm, who teaches in Drexel's department of civil, architectural and environmental engineering.

"We're not going in there and doing precision cutting," Brehm added. "And when you have old buildings, it's hard to predict exactly how they are going to respond."

Brehm, who has more than 40 years' experience in construction, said if he was working on this demolition project, he would look to the close proximity of other buildings.

He said it appears the mason wall of the four-story building fell outward, toward the thrift store, as opposed to inward into the demolition, and that led to the collapse.

"It's coming down one way or the other," he said. "It's either going to fall to the left or fall to the right. I don't know what caused it to fall outward as opposed to inward, but you're starting with a very unstable structure."

If he was investigating this project, he said the first question he would ask is, "What were the protocols and procedures?"

"I would have made sure I secured the site," he said. "And what does that mean? That means taking people out of harm's way."

He said what happened he's sure wasn't expected, "but it's predictable."

The collapsed building at 2136-38 Market Street was owned by Richard Basciano. The demolition was done by Griffin Campbell Construction, owned by Griffin T. Campbell. A call made to the Griffin home was not returned. Non-union workers were used on the project, officials said.

Quoted

"I've been in construction 40 some years. You see it all. I wish everything had a perfect outcome."
Robert Brehm

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Traffic Court

State moves to abolish court

The Pennsylvania House of Representatives passed a bill that would remove three Traffic Court seats from the November ballot and transfer hearings to the Municipal Court.

The State House voted 117-81 Tuesday to eliminate the court as part of the state constitution.

That bill still requires approval in the next Legislative session. It also will require approval by voters in a ballot referendum to amend the constitution.

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New lawsuits claim police retaliation

Rights. In two lawsuits filed yesterday, the ACLU-PA claim that Philly police retaliate against citizen observers.

Allegations

A suit on behalf of professor Alexine Fleck claims she was arrested near her West Philadelphia home and handcuffed for three hours at a local precinct after she observed an officer pointing a baton at a semi-conscious man in an "unduly aggressive" manner.

- A second suit, on behalf of former University of Cincinnati student Coulter Loeb, claims he was arrested in Rittenhouse Square after videotaping an officer arresting a homeless woman.
- Criminal charges against both plaintiffs of failure to disperse and disorderly conduct, respectively, were soon dismissed at Community Court.

The American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania yesterday filed two federal civil rights lawsuits against the city and Philadelphia Police Department on behalf of a college professor and a photojournalism student who claim were they arrested on bogus charges after observing or videotaping officers in public.

The suits on behalf of a Community College of Philadelphia professor and University of Cincinnati photojournalism student are the latest in a series of legal actions the ACLU-PA has brought against Philadelphia police for allegedly manufacturing charges to retaliate against observers.

Philadelphia Police Advisory Commission executive director Kelvyn Anderson said the organization is also concerned about the issue.

In fact, following the initial lawsuit in January, the PAC sent the department a recommendation that it remind its officers of a directive from Commissioner Charles Ramsey stating officers who are recorded in a public place do not have the right to interfere with those recording or confiscate their equipment.

"We haven't heard anything official from [the department] on this recommendation, unfortunately," Anderson said. "I can only hope that the continuing exposure of the city to lawsuits around this issue will cause more attention to be paid to this issue. Obviously, the directive might not be enough to get the attention of everyone."

The police department declined comment, citing the ongoing legislation. The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 5 did not return calls seeking comment yesterday.

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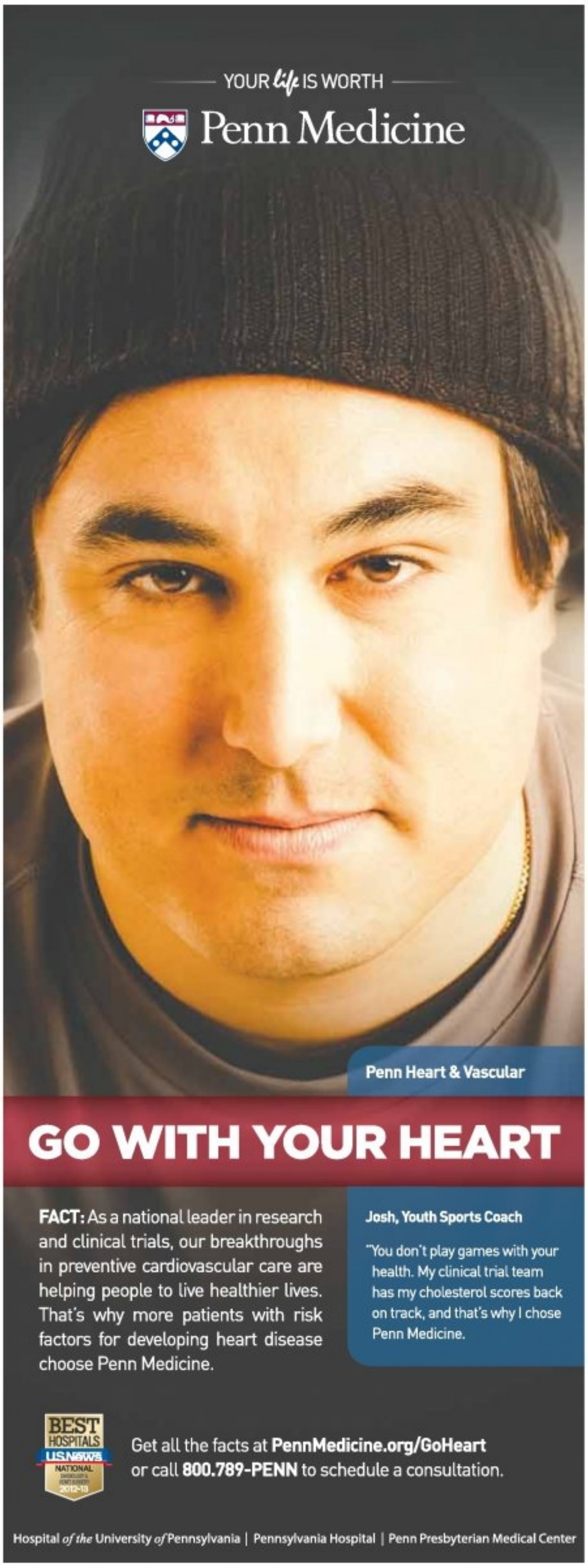
Three-legged goat bleats his competition

Simon the three-legged goat races against Ellie Perez, right, and Corey Reid, as handler Colin Presby chases after, at the Goats, Cans, and Bocks event at the Bainbridge Street Barrel House as part of Philly Beer Week. Simon raced in Sly Fox's race last month. / CHARLES MOSTOLLER, METRO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Civilian slaughter

Army sergeant pleads guilty to murdering 16 Afghan civilians

A U.S. Army sergeant accused of killing 16 Afghan civilians in cold blood last year pleaded guilty yesterday to premeditated murder and other charges under a deal with military prosecutors to avoid the death penalty.

Staff Sgt. Robert Bales, a decorated veteran of four combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, is accused of roaming off his Army post in the Afghan province of Kandahar in March 2012 and gunning down unarmed villagers, mostly women and children, in attacks on their family compounds.

The shootings marked the worst case of civilian slaughter blamed on a rogue U.S. soldier since the Vietnam War.

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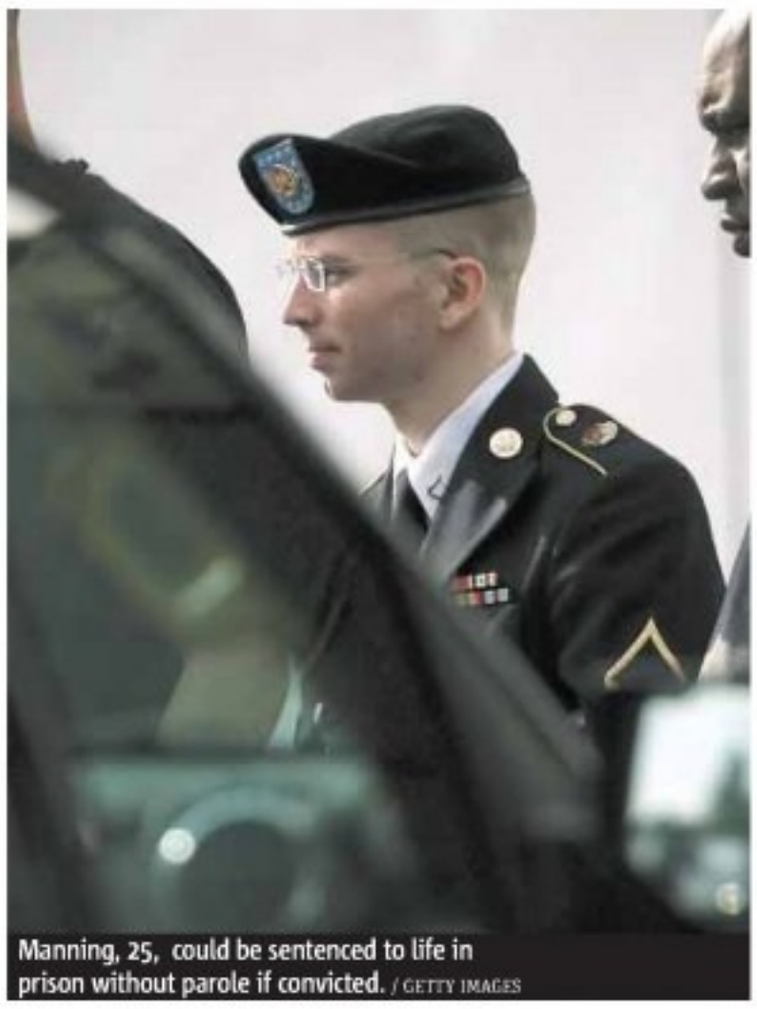
Witness: Soldier boasted about hacking passwords



Manning, 25, could be sentenced to life in prison without parole if convicted. / GETTY IMAGES

Secrecy. Bradley Manning is charged with providing more than 700,000 documents to WikiLeaks.

The U.S. soldier accused of passing classified files to the WikiLeaks website boasted of his ability to crack passwords, one of his Army supervisors said at a court-martial yesterday.

Manning, then an intelligence analyst, boasted of being able to bypass any Internet portal password, former Army Specialist Jihrleah Showman testified under prosecution questioning.

"He said he felt very fluent with computers. He said he spoke their language," said Showman, who had been one of Manning's supervisors when he worked as an intelligence analyst at a U.S. Army base east of Baghdad in 2010. "He said there wasn't anything he couldn't do on a computer."

Showman said Manning had installed Microsoft's IRC, or Internet Relay Chat, on her computer even though only a civilian contractor was allowed to do so.

Under questioning by defense attorney David Coombs, another supervisor, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kyle Balonek, testified that the application was widely used in Iraq for Army internal communications.

Balonek said the base's SIPR Network hard drive included material that had been downloaded from other computers for safety, as well as music, videos and games that soldiers would use during quiet periods.

WikiLeaks, an anti-secrecy website, began exposing U.S. government secrets in 2010, stunning diplomats and U.S. officials. They accused Manning of endangering lives and damaging sensitive diplomacy. Manning has been in confinement since he was arrested in May 2010. REUTERS

Charges

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Confidante. Obama picks Rice as his new security adviser

Controversy

The selection of Rice will likely anger Republicans who have sharply criticized her role in the handling of last September's attack on a U.S. compound in the Libyan city of Benghazi. The attack killed four Americans, including U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens.

President Barack Obama chose close confidante Susan Rice as his new national security adviser yesterday, increasing White House control over foreign policy and defying Republican criticism of her handling of last year's deadly attack on a U.S. compound in Libya.

The hard-charging Rice, selected to replace low-key Tom Donilon in the post, is expected to play a high-profile role in defending Obama's foreign policy, particularly on the civil war in Syria. Obama has come under fire for his cautious approach in response to mounting evidence that President Bashar al-Assad used chemical weapons against rebels seeking to oust him.

Obama will nominate Samantha Power — a Pulitzer Prize-winning author, former White House aide and Harvard professor — to replace Rice as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

Obama had been expected to pick Rice, 48, as national security adviser since she withdrew last December from consideration to replace Hillary Clinton as secretary of state amid criticism by Republicans about Benghazi. She had been Obama's first choice to replace Clinton. The job instead went to John Kerry. REUTERS

Senior Republican pushes tougher border plan for immigration bill

The second-ranking Senate Republican yesterday unveiled a proposal to significantly tighten security on the U.S.-Mexico border before giving undocumented workers legal status in the broad immigration bill being considered in the U.S. Senate. The proposal from Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, a skeptic of the bill that would grant legal status to some 11 million undocumented immigrants, would require the Department of Homeland Security to have surveillance over the entire U.S.-Mexico border and meet a benchmark of apprehending at least 90 percent of people trying to cross the border illegally. / GETTY IMAGES

Nuclear reactor

US says Iran's nuke plans 'deeply troubling'

The United States said yesterday it was "deeply troubled" by Iran's plans to start a reactor in 2014 that could yield nuclear bomb material while failing to give U.N. inspectors necessary design information about the plant.

The comments by a U.S. envoy to a board meeting of the U.N.'s International Atomic Energy Agency highlighted deepening Western concern about the heavy water reactor that Iran is building.

Iran hit back, saying the IAEA had had continuous access to Arak, and that the U.S., which accuses Tehran of seeking nuclear weapons capability, could not be trusted after going to war in Iraq over reports of weapons of mass destruction that were never found. REUTERS

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Hot science. Particle physics, genomics top the scientific charts

Genomics and particle physics — offering different perspectives on the fundamental nature of life and the cosmos — are the two hottest areas of scientific research.

Eight of the 21 most closely followed scientists in 2012 studied genes and their functions, while the single most-cited paper last year covered the hunt for the long-sought Higgs boson particle, according to a Thomson Reuters survey. It was the third year in a row in which genomics researchers topped the rankings.

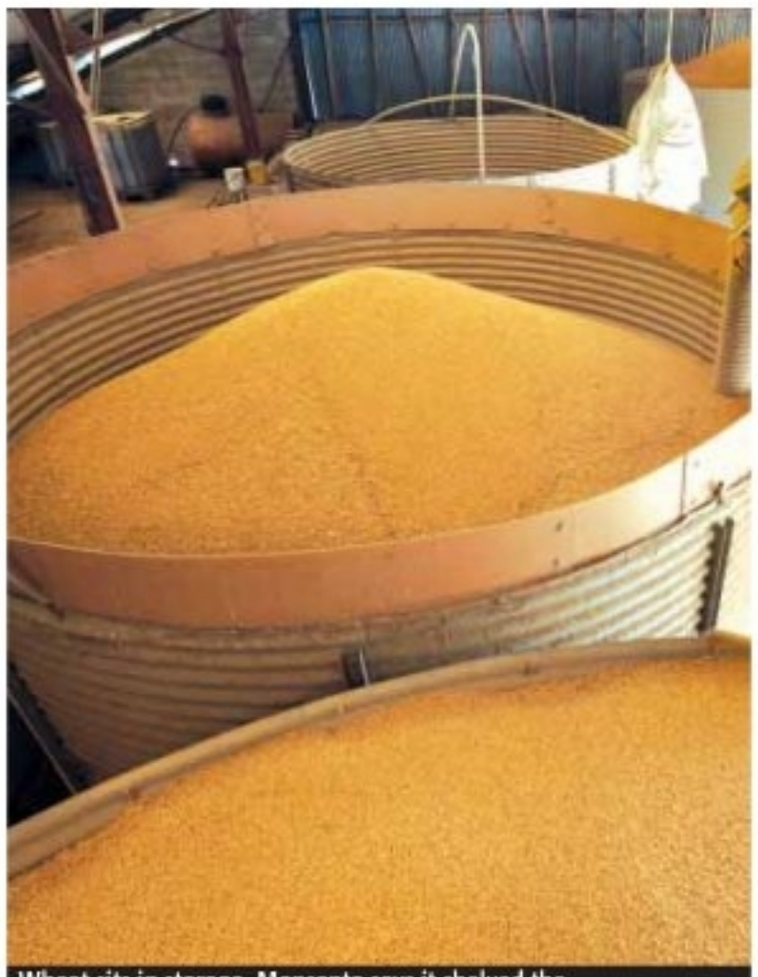
"Genomics is a perennially hot topic, as we learn more about how [DNA] sequences play out in the manifestation of disease," said Christopher King, editor of Thomson Reuters ScienceWatch, which tracks trends in research. REUTERS

Manned mission

China sets latest space mission for this month

China will launch its next manned rocket later this month, carrying three astronauts to an experimental space module, state media said this week. It is the latest stage of an ambitious plan to build a space station. The Shenzhou 10 spaceship and its rocket had already been moved to the launch area at a remote site in the Gobi Desert, Xinhua news agency reported. REUTERS

Amber waves of GMOs: Farmer sues Monsanto



Wheat sits in storage. Monsanto says it shelved the experimental variety nine years ago. / GETTY IMAGES

Rogue wheat release. The farmer claims the company is negligent, and that the incident puts U.S. wheat export sales at risk.

A U.S. wheat farmer has sued Monsanto Co., accusing the biotech seed giant of gross negligence for not containing an experimental, genetically modified wheat discovered in an Oregon field that has put U.S. wheat export sales at risk.

Farmer Ernest Barnes, who grows wheat in Morton County in the southwest corner of Kansas, filed suit this week in U.S. District Court in Wichita, Kan., alleging that he and other wheat farmers have been hurt financially by the discovery of the unapproved biotech wheat that Monsanto said it stopped testing and shelved nine years ago.

"Monsanto has released GE (genetically engineered) wheat into the non-genetically modified wheat population," the petition states.

The "plaintiff has been harmed by any and all Monsanto GE wheat because it has impacted wheat exports and the price of wheat," the petition also states. REUTERS

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June 12 opening in 'Whitey' Bulger murder trial in Boston

Charges. Bulger, 83, is accused of committing or ordering 19 murders while running a gang.

Opening statements in the murder trial of accused Boston gangster James "Whitey" Bulger would be heard on June 12, federal prosecutors said after a court hearing yesterday.

A second day of jury selection was underway in U.S. District Court in Boston, with hundreds of jurors asked to fill out questionnaires to find 12 jurors and six alternates. The first two days of jury selection were closed to the public.

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston said on its official Twitter feed that opening statements would be heard on June 12. The trial before U.S. District Judge Denise Casper is expected to draw crowds of spectators because of Bulger's notoriety.

Prosecutors have submitted hundreds of pages of evidence against him. Their main challenge, according to legal observers, will be to avoid technical errors that could lead to a mistrial.

Bulger was captured in California in June 2011, where he had lived anonymously in a seaside town. He had evaded authorities despite being listed on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list for most of his 16 years in hiding. Martin Scorsese's Academy Award-winning film "The Departed" was loosely based on Bulger. REUTERS

On the lam

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Whitey Bulger spent 16 years on the run before his capture in June 2011.

Whitey Bulger is seated in the back of a Plymouth County BCI SUV as he arrives at Moakley Courthouse yesterday morning. / GETTY IMAGES

Sandy Hook. Conn. lawmakers vote to shield victim photos

The Connecticut General Assembly overwhelmingly approved compromise legislation to prevent public release of homicide victim photos, videos and some audiotapes in response to the Sandy Hook shooting.

After legislative maneuvering that pushed the vote into the predawn hours, the state Senate voted 33-2 and the Connecticut House of Representatives voted 130-2 to pass the bill that establishes a new exemption under the state's Freedom of Information Act.

Governor Dannel Malloy was expected to sign the bill, which could be used to keep from public view some images and audiotapes concerning not only the Sandy Hook shootings, but other homicides as well. REUTERS

Forida winner

Octogenarian claims record Powerball jackpot

An 84-year-old Florida woman claimed last month's record Powerball jackpot yesterday and opted to take a lump-sum payment of nearly $371 million.

Winner Gloria C. MacKenzie of Zephyrhills chose the lump sum rather than collecting $590.5 million in 30 annual payments, Florida Lottery Secretary Cynthia O'Connell said in a news conference at the state lottery headquarters in Tallahassee. REUTERS

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Twitter feed

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@Rihanna: Got the keys to #CoCoChanels apartment!!! Yesterday=Most Legendary day in Paris!!!!

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@SarahKSilverman: My sink water smells like eggs.

Mother and son go fierce for Glamour

Victoria Beckham brought son Brooklyn as her date to the Glamour Women of the Year Awards 2013 at Berkeley Square Gardens on Tuesday in London, England.

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And so it begins: Paris Jackson's suicide attempt

Being 15 is hard. Being 15 when you don't have a father, your mother was pretty much bought solely for her uterus, your family legacy is complicated (to say the least) and you are extremely wealthy must be almost unbearable. So I feel for Paris Jackson. The 15-year-old daughter of Michael Jackson was hospitalized early Wednesday morning in what is being described as a "possible suicide attempt." Reports flew around the interview that she either suffered from a drug overdose or slit her wrists after being removed via stretcher from the Calabasas, Calif., family house which she shares with her grandmother and guardian Katherine Jackson.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson takes on the world of gossip.

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Winslet is pregnant with baby Rocknroll

Kate Winslet, who is married to the ridiculously-named Ned Rocknroll, has confirmed she is pregnant with baby Rocknroll. "Kate and Ned are delighted" over the news, her rep told the Sun. "Kate and Ned have been talking about having babies since they met," a friend told the newspaper.

This is Winslet's third child (she has two previous children: Mia, 12, is the daughter of director Jim Threapleton, and Joe, 9, is the son of director Sam Mendes).

So many questions about this. When the fetus moves, does Winslet quip: "Boy, this baby certainly is rocking and rolling!" Should its first name be "Iwanna"? Really, people, I could go on all day.

What will cause Jada to leave Will?

While she and husband Will Smith have battled breakup rumors, Jada Pinkett Smith stands by her man. "What is the one thing that Will could do to make me not love him? ... I can't think of one, I'm sorry," she tells Redbook. "Except if he did something bad to the kids — now we've got a problem."

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The look

2 Justin Bieber at the 40th American Music Awards on Nov. 18 in Los Angeles.

Robert "BluBlockers" Downey Jr.

3 The actor arrives at the premiere of "Iron Man 3" on April 24 in Hollywood.

Willy Wonka?

4 Ke$ha arrives at Nickelodeon's 26th Annual Kids' Choice Awards on March 23 in Los Angeles.

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5 Alicia Keys and husband **Swizz Beatz** at February's Grammy Awards in Los Angeles.

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Freed sex slaves inspired InterAct's bitter comedy

Theater. "Some Other Kind of Person" gets a world premiere at the Adrienne.

Victoria Chau and David Ingram take the stage in "Some Other Kind of Person." / KATHRYN RAINES/PLATE 3

In 2004, New York Times reporter Nicholas Kristof purchased the freedom of two Cambodian sex slaves and documented their progress in his column. Eric Pfeffinger found the story so inspirational that he immediately took action — though, admittedly, perhaps not entirely magnanimous action.

"I heard Nicholas Kristof's story, which was very powerful and very moving, and it led me to think, 'What if I wrote a play about this?' That's probably the least effective and noble thing a person can think after seeing a story of human suffering, but it's what I did," he says.

"Some Other Kind of Person" was commissioned by InterAct Theatre Company in 2008 and had its world premiere on Tuesday. The lead character has been transformed from a journalist into a businessman, the tone from tragedy to dark, bitter comedy. "A journalist automatically has an awareness of what they're doing," Pfeffinger says. "Because of their profession, they know that there's going to be ramifications. I was interested in somebody who was a neophyte in the world of doing good, somebody not as informed and enlightened as Nicholas Kristof."

With InterAct, which is dedicated to producing new plays with political themes, Pfeffinger found an ideal home for the idea. "Doing nothing but new stuff is a pretty courageous and risky thing to do in the theater economy to begin with," he says, "and then only doing stuff that has a political orientation is increasing the degree of difficulty. … So I really admire what InterAct does, and the fact that they thought this idea was as good a fit for their mission as I had hoped it would be was very satisfying."

The play is hardly Pfeffinger's first foray into tricky thematic territory. The Toledo-based playwright has dealt with clashes between religion and feminism in "Accidental Rapture," dating a suspected abortion-clinic bomber in "Hunting High," and fertility clinics and Holocaust deniers in "Barrenness." But he found the satirical sweet spot particularly hard to hit with this latest piece.

"I wasn't interested in doing something broad," he says. "I wanted these to be real people, and that means that the suffering that grows out of this very real global problem is real as well. So the idea of filtering it through a comic lens is tricky. Basically, I apparently wanted to load up this play with as many possible ways for it to fail as I could possibly think of."

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TV watch list

The Real Housewives of New Jersey are back — almost. / NBC

TRUE CRIME

'Dates From Hell'

A woman's date with a musician goes dangerously awry. Everyone knows that guys in bands make bad boyfriends. **8 P.M., ID**

DRAMA

'In the Flesh'

The premiere episode of a new series about an 18-year-old rehabilitated zombie who tries to return to normal human life a la "Warm Bodies." This is worth tuning in for, because a) the Zombiepocalypse is totally coming and b) British TV series are always better than ours. **10 P.M., BBC**

REALITY.

'The Real Housewives of New Jersey'

In this special "first look" sneak peek of the next episode we probably get to watch Joe Gorga be horny, Joe Giudice be gross and everyone else be crazy. **9:48 P.M., BRAVO**

REALITY

'My Crazy Obsession'

This episode spotlights one woman who is obsessed with pet rats and another who is obsessed with Raggedy Ann dolls. It's viewers' call as to who's crazier, but we're willing to bet they're both crazy single. **10 P.M., DFH**

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10 Films out right now

Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn try to repeat "Wedding Crashers" with "The Internship." / PHIL BRAY

1 'The Internship'
Remember eight years ago when Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn were in that movie everyone liked? Now they're doing it again, only it's a comedy about Google that makes fun of tech dorks. It's almost the same thing, yes?

2 'The Purge'
Ethan Hawke stars in this horror film in which a society — a very foolish one — thinks it can put a damper on crime by making it legal one night a year. Whatever, that's not remotely as scary as "Before Midnight."

3 'Before Midnight'
In a weekend overloaded with sequels, the most respectable is the second sequel to "Before Sunrise." Did Celine and Jesse (Julie Delpy and Ethan Hawke) stay together after "Before Sunset"? Do they have kids? Have they grown weary of each other? (Spoilers: Yes, yes and maybe.)

4 'An Oversimplification of Her Beauty'
One of the year's most original and beautiful films, Terence Nance's debut feature mixes cine-essays with animation as he delves deeply into love, starting with neuroses inflamed by a one-night stand.

5 'The Kings of Summer'
Everyone's favorite marrieds Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally play supporting roles in this high school comedy about bros who run away from home and live in a dilapidated house in the woods.

6 'The East'
"It" girl/auteur Brit Marling stars in a script she wrote about an FBI agent who infiltrates an eco-anarchist collective and learns they might not be so bad — or at least that one of them (Alexander Skarsgard) is hot. Ellen Page and Patricia Clarkson also star.

7 'Wish You Were Here'
Joel Edgerton, currently on screen as Tom in "The Great Gatsby," returns to his native Australia for this drama about four friends who go on a Southeast Asian holiday. Only three return, but no one seems to know what happened to the fourth.

8 'We Steal Secrets: The Story of WikiLeaks'
Another season, another Alex Gibney documentary. The absurdly prolific nonfiction-maker — whose "Mea Maxima Culpa" came out only months ago — takes on Julian Assange and the gang. There's only a touch of his usual cutesy pop song montages.

9 'After Earth'
Philadelphians Will Smith and M. Night Shyamalan finally team up for yet another postapocalyptic romp that is in no way similar to "Oblivion." Will Smith, who plays dad to real-life son Jaden, is a character named Cypher Raige. Seriously.

10 'Now You See Me'
Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Michael Caine and — why not? — Morgan Freeman, too, are only a fraction of the large and overqualified cast that fills out this caper thriller, in which magicians steal from the rich and give to their audiences.

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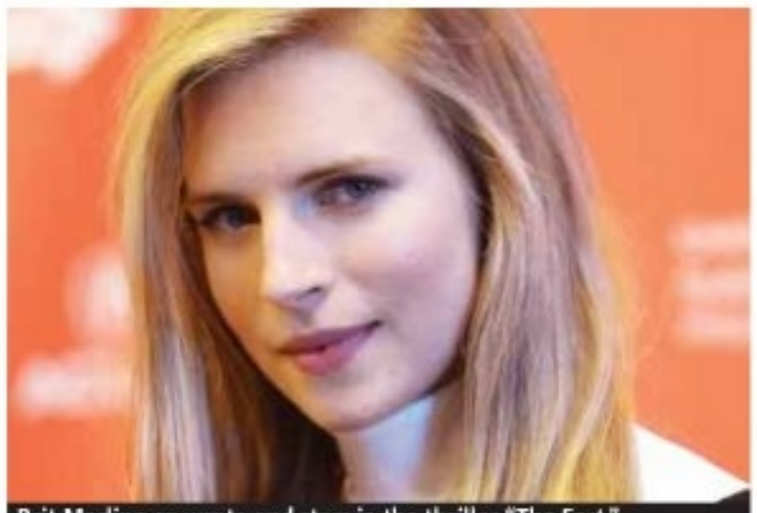
Going into the gray zone

Interview. Brit Marling talks about not seeking easy answers with her eco-thriller "The East."

Brit Marling gets inside the mind of a covert operative in "The East" as both a co-writer (with director Zal Batmanglij) and an actress. She plays Sarah, a freelance agent tasked by a private intelligence firm to infiltrate a group of anarchist activists targeting environment-harming corporations. It was quite a task on both counts, she found, sparking some questions that still go unanswered.



Brit Marling co-wrote and stars in the thriller "The East."
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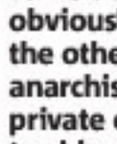
"I think all of the territory that the film is exploring is a lot of moral gray [area] and complexity, and there are no easy answers."
Marling, on portraying both sides of a conflict

In the film, your character asks herself, 'Who does this kind of work?' Have you found an answer to that yet?
I'm honestly still trying to figure that out. It's funny because acting and deep cover actually have a lot in common. In both disciplines, you take on a different name, and you take on a different set of characteristics and qualities. But with deep cover, the stakes are so high. You get caught in a moment of phoniness, and you could be shot — which I don't think they do that to actors. [Laughs]

You're careful not to come down too obviously on one side or the other, between the anarchist group and the private espionage firm tracking them.
We were really trying to do that. Patricia Clarkson is such a charismatic, alluring, intelligent actress, and we felt like it was important that the CEO be as charismatic and compelling as the leader of … well, there are no leaders in an anarchist group, but Benji [Alexander Skarsgard] is certainly your charismatic figure. And so it was important that there be a sort of equal balance in the attraction and the allure. I think all of the territory that the film is exploring is a lot of moral [grayness] and complexity, and there are no easy answers. Even in the anarchist group, they're fighting about how far is too far.



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Younger artists take center stage at Woodmere

Interdisciplinary. Museum's juried exhibition has a more conceptual approach this year.

Camille Schefter's "Bud and Lou, Tacos" is part of the exhibition. / WOODMERE ART MUSEUM

The title of Woodmere Art Museum's 72nd annual juried exhibition, "In Front of Strangers I Sing," comes from the final line of Romanian poet Paul Celan's "Night Ray." This year's jurors, Philadelphia artists Dona Nelson and Rubens Ghenov, thought the line applied to the show as a whole, which is mounted in the museum's eccentric gallery space, in particular its grand rotunda.

"We were thinking of the museum as a strange piece of architecture," Ghenov says. "It looks like a boat, or to me it looks like an asymmetrical opera house. We were thinking about the pieces in the show being these choir-like voices singing in front of strangers, so that line in the poem resonated with the feeling or the sentiment of the show."

Quoted

"We were thinking of the museum as a strange piece of architecture."

Ghenov

Unusually for the Woodmere, this year's exhibition focuses strongly on conceptual work from young Philadelphia artists such as Anthony Campuzano, Ryan Foley and Virginia Fleming. There is little of the traditional landscape or abstract work the museum is usually associated with. That tendency emerged from a combination of the jurors' tastes and the evolution of the selection process, according to Ghenov: "The pieces and artists we chose began to concoct a type of story. We began to see thematic elements appearing, which fortified our selections a little more."

The themes that emerged, Ghenov says, deal with a particular Philly regionalism, and with a blending of artistic styles and approaches. "There's a lot of work where disciplines began to cross over into each other. Photographs that were acting like paintings, sculptures that live as photographs, rugs and sculptures that are painted on — there was this interdisciplinary conversation going on."

To illustrate, Ghenov points to a work by Frank Bramblett made up of countless scraps of notepaper. "From far away they look like a beautiful painting, but when you come up close they're just pieces of paper with notes," Ghenov says. "I think the piece hits at the heart of this show. Yes, they're notes on sheets of paper that you can buy at Staples with a Sharpie marker, but when they're all brought together they speak a painting language. There's a slight abstraction to them, but simultaneously you know what those things are."

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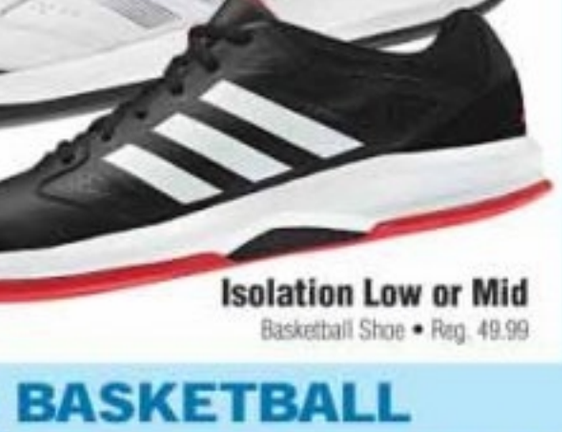

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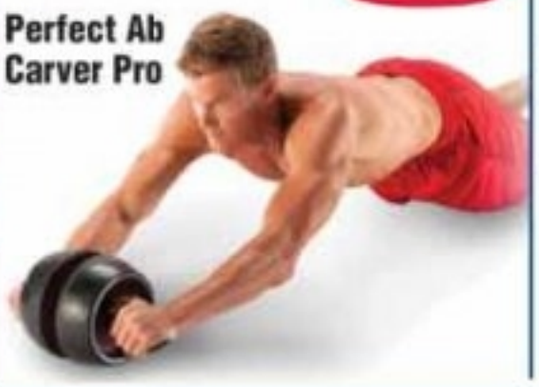

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On the road to writing another hit song

Music. A legendary songwriting team and other musical greats share "How I Wrote That Song."

Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff will share their songwriting secrets. / RANDEX COMMUNICATIONS

Inspiration for a song can come from just about anywhere. Even a traffic jam on the Schuylkill Expressway.

The legendary songwriting team of Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff used their experiences on that particular road to write their breakthrough hit "Expressway to Your Heart" for the Soul Survivors in 1967.

"There's always been traffic jams [on] the Schuylkill, even when it opened back then," Gamble says. "Leon was going to a girlfriend's house, and he was stuck."

So began a string of hits and a creative vitality that has lasted to this day. The duo has penned more than 3,000 songs, including "Back Stabbers," "Love Train," "For The Love Of Money" (or, "The Apprentice" theme), "If You Don't Know Me By Now," "Cowboys to Girls," "I'm Gonna Make You Love Me" and "TSOP" (better known as the "Soul Train" theme). They are the architects of The Sound of Philadelphia and will participate in the How I Wrote That Song songwriting workshop on Saturday at the famed Sigma Sound Studios.

Hot 107.9 (WPHI-FM), Old School 100.3 (WRNB-FM) and Broadcast Music, Inc. are the presenters of the event. Gamble and Huff will participate on a legends panel with James Mtume and Pop Wansel, while Oak Felder and the Phatboiz hold down the Generation Next panel.

"If you experience something, generally, I feel that it's also happened to a million other people," Huff says. "It's one world, we're one humanity and we all do the same things. If you can hit a nerve, you can reach the most people. We all drive on expressways, and we all fall in love. 'Cowboys to Girls' was a different angle [on love]."

Thom Bell, the Philly-based producer for the Delfonics, Stylistics and the Spinners, puts it another way. "Every song is about love or escape," says Bell, who is not scheduled to participate in the workshop but is working on a book with Gamble and Huff. "Even 'Ave Maria' is about love."

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Don't be a creeper — make sure you approach a new person with an interesting, unique reason. / GETTY IMAGES

Creepy, desperate stranger isn't a good look. Whether you are interested in meeting friends or flirting your way to a good relationship, it can be difficult to forge connections with interesting people. Think of it this way: If an unknown person came to your front door and started a conversation with you, you'd wonder, "What do they want? Why are they talking to me?" It's the same when picking up a stranger. Barging in with little purpose — other than getting into their underwear — can feel awkward or make you look like a jerk. You can do better than that. The propagation of the human race depends on it. Here's how to rope someone into a conversation, friendship or your bed.

DON'T do it by yourself. Invite the hot stranger and their partner (or friends!) to join you and your partner (or friends!) for drinks, a comedy show or dinner. Triads and quads keep things light and provide a higher number of possible conversation combinations and permutations. It's the platonic version of threesomes and swinging.

At the same time, DON'T be afraid to be alone. It's okay to fly solo at public lectures, gyms, art gallery openings, author readings at your favorite bookstore and city-sponsored cultural events. Going solo means you'll grow more comfortable with independence — a necessity for all healthy interpersonal relationships. You'll also meet other singles with shared interests.

DO put your typing fingers to work to get creative in breaking the ice. Dating sites aren't only the tip of the iceberg, they're also melting. Seriously, who doesn't have an Internet dating horror story?! Try MeetUp.com or DiscoverOutdoors.com. Google local film societies and social sports clubs. Make the earth below you your common ground; the hiking trip, movie, or soccer game provides great conversation fodder. Remember: It's easiest to connect when you have a connector. For example, instead of rushing out when credits roll, casually mention to the person seated near you, "God, wasn't the end of that film awful?! I love this director's work, and she's usually much better with closing films."

Advice

Do your research

You may already have potential targets among friends of friends. Ask around. Chances are that those you love and respect are in touch with like-minded souls. Tell everyone you want to meet someone new and suggest they recommend others who might be good matches for you. Have the friend introduce you or make direct contact.

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Sex health. Low T is not a catch-all, guys

The proportion of middle-aged American men being treated for low testosterone more than tripled over the past decade, a new study suggests.

Researchers analyzed health insurance claims for more than 10 million men age 40 and older and found that by 2011, almost 3 percent were taking so-called androgen replacement therapy.

But not all of those men had undergone a blood test to see if they really needed the extra testosterone, according to a new study in JAMA Internal Medicine.

The lead researcher said that's "concerning" because scientists don't know all the possible long-term side effects.

"This is not a risk-free drug, so committing to it for a long time when you're a young man — there could be some risks down the road," said Jacques Baillargeon, from the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

A new study says low testosterone not a catch-all. / GETTY IMAGES/

For men who don't have problems producing testosterone, it's unclear whether treatment has any benefits, Baillargeon told Reuters Health. One recent study showed it did not help older men improve their overall functioning.

Also not clear are the possible long-term side effects of androgen replacement, especially when it comes to heart disease and prostate cancer risks.

Quoted

"For a younger man in particular and somebody who does not have definitely unequivocal hypogonadism, they should consider the risk-benefit ratio."

Baillargeon

Just over one-fourth of new testosterone users did not have a blood test in the year before they were prescribed. For others, there was no information on whether their levels were low enough to warrant treatment. REUTERS

Use Father's Day to make over Dad

Why should mom always be the hipper parent? Help the wisest and sweetest man you know shed his dorky status with these. Don't worry, he'll still repeat the same jokes over and over again.

The goods

1 His new summer go-tos. Ted Baker Gellert shorts, $125, www.tedbaker-london.com

2 Mantry, the artisanal food-of-the-month club, is teaming up with Dockers for a Father's Day-themed delivery that includes a selection of gourmet goodies along with a promotion code for 40 percent off dad's next purchase. $75, www.mantry.com

3 Move outta the way, hipsters. Dad's coming through. Biria CitiBike 700C, $475, www.biria.com

4 New dads can have a mini-me moment. Jonathan Adler striped, woven silk/cotton, father & son tie set, $150, www.jonathanadler.com

5 Just imagine mom rolling her eyes as he goes all "Cocktail" on her. Bar10der, $50, www.module-r.com

6 Simple, handsome and honest, just like dad. Everlane, the Reverse-Denim Weekender, $95, www.everlane.com

7 Warning: He will be addicted to these salted caramel, honey coconut and peanut butter chocolates. Edward Marc Chocolate Tie Box, $30, www.edwardmarc.com

8 Persol's Reflex collection is inspired by vintage design analog cameras — he'll feel right at home. $360, www.sunglasshut.com

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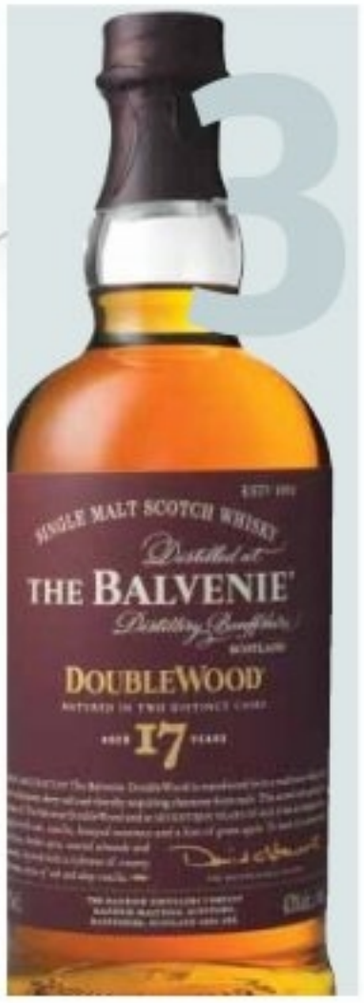

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3 High-tech golf gifts for dad

Dads love golf and they're suckers for gizmos. Combine them both and give him one of these high-tech golf gifts this year.

SwingSmart

One of the coolest tech products at this year's PGA Show, SwingSmart is a unique game improvement tool that provides instant and accurate feedback on the critical elements of dad's swing. The Bluetooth-enabled module captures information, such as tempo, swing speed and shaft lean. The highlight is the virtual 3-D Swing-View — very eye-opening. **$249.99, www.swingsmart.com**

OptiShot

There are indoor simulators that cost tens of thousands of dollars to buy and install, but the OptiShot is an affordable way to play golf indoors 12 months a year. Using real clubs, a real or foam ball (or no ball at all), dad can spend rainy days or the endless winter months keeping his swing honed. With replica courses, OptiShot isn't just a practice tool, it's a real game. **OptiShot Infrared Golf Simulator, $399.95, www.optishotgolf.com**

GolfLogix

GolfLogix is a smartphone app that uses GPS to provide distances and course layouts for more than 32,000 tracks worldwide. The app itself is free, but give dad an upgrade and he'll be able to track every shot to learn club distances and shot trends. Instead of having one more gadget (a stand-alone GPS unit or a laser rangefinder), GolfLogix works right on dad's phone. **GolfLogix, $20, www.golflogix.com.** METRO

The goods

1 Move mom's fancy products over. Harry's The Winston shave set, $25, www.harrys.com

2 Meridian's mini portable digital-to-analog converter will make listening to his favorite tunes more fun. Meridian Explorer, $299, www.meridian-audio.com

3 This handcrafted whisky was made to commemorate the malt master's 50th anniversary — so it's good enough for your expert. The Balvenie 17-Year-Old DoubleWood, $129.99, www.thebalvenie.com

4 He'll totally show off at work. Delfonics Stationary Wood Ball Pens, $10 www.fscbarber.com

5 These cool clocks were inspired by a French electrical meter and swaps hours for amperes — he's sure to nerd out. Restoration Hardware French Amperes Meter Clock, $99-$129, www.restorationhardware.com

6 Summer fun. Nautica Striped Board Short, $55, www.nautica.com

Jump on it!

Last-minute free gift for dad

Dads rock, but their golf polos and ill-fitted jeans don't. Enter Perry Ellis. The brand is holding a "De-Dorkify Dad" contest, where you can help your old man win some stylish new wears by submitting a photo of him in his dorkiest attire via the its Facebook or Instagram. If your photo makes it to **www.perryellis.com**, the brand's stylist will gift him a product as a much-needed Father's Day present. Let's face it — there's nothing dad loves more than saving money.

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Food trucks for the win

Eat. At the Vendy Awards, the real winners are those who come hungry.

Line up for the Vendy Awards on Saturday. / IMAGIC DIGITAL

Food trucks, which used to be synonymous with rushed, quickie meals, have recently been given more time and consideration. They're no longer just the reliable carts we swing by for an on-the-go breakfast sandwich or a greasy lunch between meetings — lately Philly's curbside kitchens are getting as much recognition for their culinary mastery as they are for their mobility.

The Vendy Awards, organized by the Street Vendor Project, started in New York nine years ago and made their way to our town in 2011. "The event is an opportunity for us to shine a light on street vendors," says Helena Tubis, managing director of the Vendy Awards. "It's often an overlooked workforce, but there are credible culinary talents and this is a chance to hear their story and celebrate them."

Eighteen mobile kitchens have been nominated for an award. This Saturday, six sweet trucks and 12 savory ones will rev their engines and flex their spatulas at Penn Treaty in a mouth-watering competition to be crowned the king of the road food. Among the nominees are The Cow and the Curd, a cart that speaks to our souls with promises of melty, crunchy, saucy delights.

Twelve trucks will offer up savory delights. / IMAGIC DIGITAL

If you go

Vendy Awards

June 8, 2-6 p.m.
Penn Treaty Park
1341 N. Delaware Ave.
$35-$55 (includes food and beer)
Proceeds benefit The Food Trust
www.streetvendor.org/vendys

Though the cart has only been on the streets since January, you may have heard plenty about it already.

"We wanted to be the cheese curd people," says owner Rob Mitchell. And they've cornered the market, with Midwestern-style gooey fried cheese curds and spicy, smoky dipping sauces. It's no surprise that the curds caught the eye of Vendy organizers. "It's very flattering and humbling to be nominated," says Mitchell. "The Vendy is a really respected award to receive."

Along with the classic white and yellow offerings, Mitchell and company will be slinging their "farmer's garden" cheddar cheese with sundried tomatoes, chipotle, basil and garlic. Let's hear it for the curds.

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PLUS

Parade

Show some pride

In honor of Pride Day's silver anniversary — that's 25 years — over 160 LGBT-connected vendors and community organizations will be at Penn's Landing on Sunday for the annual Pride Parade and Festival. The parade starts at noon in the Gayborhood and winds its way down to the river. Omarosa, of "The Apprentice" fame (or infamy) will be headlining, while Henri David, known for his lavish Halloween galas, will handle master of ceremony duties. There's a $10 charge to get into the fest. Full details at www.phillypride.org.

Beer. Tuscany makes way more craft beers than we ever thought

Perhaps the biggest perk of Philly Beer Week — besides tasting the rarest brews around — is the opportunity to speak with brewers.

Hidden in the press tent at last weekend's International Great Beer Expo was a young man with spiked hair. He looked like he had just come from a local thrift shop — and that's not a knock (thank you, Macklemore). He was Iacopo Lenci, the founder and brewmaster at Birrificio Bruton in Tuscany, Italy. Wait, Tuscany — don't you mean winery?

"I know. I'm the black sheep," joked Lenci before pouring a Bianca, his take on a summer wheat.

Lenci is the 27-year-old son of a famous Italian winemaker. While many Americans are shocked that Italians are brewing craft beer — really good craft beer, too — it isn't all that surprising.

GRAB A COLD ONE. FROM ITALY.

Lenci said there are now 73 breweries in Tuscany alone, and Italy is closing in on 300, most popping up in the past decade.

"There's no real tradition of Italian beer," said Lenci, who started as a home brewer. "I'm reinterpreting in a balanced way."

Lenci pays extra attention to how his beers pair with food, especially Italian food, but that doesn't mean all his ingredients come from Tuscany. In fact, it's quite the contrary. His beers are heavily influenced by Belgium and use spices like orange peel and coriander. All his beers are unfiltered and unpasteurized.

"It's not always the most local ingredients, it's the best ingredients," Lenci said. **MICHAEL GREGER**

Come to a party on the avenue, South Philly style

Festival. Second Saturday showcases East Passyunk's eclectic offerings.

The crowds will be out in full force for Second Saturday. / EAST PASSYUNK AVENUE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

East Passyunk has long been an avenue for eclectic experiences, with its mix of diverse eateries and shops. Craving Italian food and antique home goods? They've got it. Spicy Mexican dishes and handmade jewelry? Please, that isn't even a challenge over there. That's why it makes perfect sense for the strip to throw a monthly party. The Second Saturday bash celebrates its distinct style — and the people who help create it.

Expect a different flavor than the long-running First Friday in Old City that we all know so well. This one is done up South Philly style, with a bit of grit, a dose of vintage and a world of excellent food.

Second Saturday is an opportunity to browse newer places and see what's new at your favorite old haunts. Not to mention it helps boost the neighborhood's revenue.

Some of the avenue's shops will showcase discounts, like 1600 Below Vintage and Metro Men's Clothing. Other businesses, like gift boutique Nice Things Handmade and furniture and decor shop HOME, will have art receptions to peruse. The new, environmentally conscious baby store Cloth will also give us a little sneak peek of what they have in store for local parents. And if you're after some gold, check out the flea market happening in the lot between Tasker and Morris.

Nice Things Handmade is hosting an art reception. / EPABID

Part of what makes East Passyunk so appealing is the patchwork of backgrounds that make up its DNA. An event like Second Saturday has an obvious communal feel to it, yet you can recognize that each merchant is bringing their own spice to the table. Not only are they selling their own handpicked wares, they're creating an environment that nurtures local artists, crafters and revolutionaries. Not to mention we love seeing so many monthly sales in one place.

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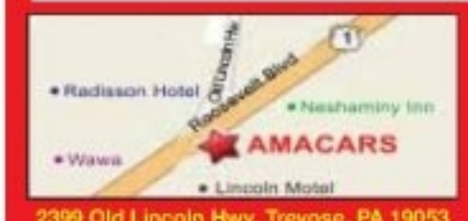

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Christopher Lee is heating up the kitchen at Sophia's

Hot chef. The James Beard Award winner tells us what he likes about cooking in Philly.

Dubbed the "Rising Star Chef of the Year" by the James Beard Foundation in 2005, Christopher Lee has proven that he's no flash in the pan. The accomplished chef has opened restaurants in Miami and New York. Most recently, he gave us one more reason to visit East Passyunk with his latest endeavor, Sophia's. Though Lee currently lives in New York City and has been all over for work, he's now cooking in Philly — and we intend to keep him around.

How's it going at Sophia's so far?
It's going great. We're focused on having a strong neighborhood presence. That's why it's a person's name for the restaurant — it makes it more personal. It's like going to someone's house for great food and great conversation.

You've opened Sophia's, along with other restaurants in the past. What's it like creating an entire menu from scratch?
The menu is the easy part, and everything else is tough, in my opinion. If you make a menu that's seasonal, you sit down and see what products are available and think about how to utilize them. You follow a concept.

You've worked in other cities like Miami and New York. How does working in Philly differ from these places?
Well, the weather's nicer here. I'm not a fan of the 100-degree days in Miami. Philly is a great city; it's one of my favorites. The work ethic here is really great. In Miami, there's a lot more partying, and in New York it's very cutthroat. In New York, people work for six months, then leave so they can work with as many chefs as possible. In Philly, there's more dedication and loyalty. Philly balances life and work.

Christopher Lee likes to serve up a seasonal menu. / PUNCH MEDIA

Foodies

Sophia's is holding its own against other culinary hotspots on East Passyunk Avenue, recently named one of Food & Wine magazine's 10 Best Foodie Streets in the country. Chef Lee and crew dish out upscale American fare nightly, plus brunch, including brioche French toast with bananas and brown sugar, on Sundays.

Where are you living?
Right now I'm shacking up with friends or couch-surfing when I'm working. I don't live in the city yet, because I'm not going to move [my] family before the school year is over.

Do you have a neighborhood preference?
I'm not sure yet. I know I don't want to live in Rittenhouse — it's a little too pricey. I'm a more artsy guy anyway, so maybe Old City or somewhere in South Philly.

Is there anything in Philly you haven't done yet that you would like to do?
I've never made it to a Phillies or Eagles game. And I like sports!

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FOOD

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Friday, 7-10 p.m.
HyLo Boutiques
242 N. 3rd St.
Free, 484-278-1489
www.hyloboutiques.com
Coffee goes with cheese like... well, we're not sure. But we're willing to take HyLo's word that DiBruno Bros. fancy artisanal cheeses complement a cup of joe. And don't worry, the craft beer will be flowing, too, if that's more of your thing. Find even more inventive pairings in the new cookbook, "Di Bruno Bros. House of Cheese."

HISTORY

Elfreth's Alley Fete Day

Saturday, noon-5 p.m.
Elfreth's Alley
Adults $20, Students $10, Families $55
www.elfrethsalley.org
Get a peek inside the homes that line the country's oldest continuously occupied residential street with Fete Day. Elfreth's Alley homeowners started this open-house tradition back in the 1930s to show visitors how they've preserved, and updated, the historic abodes. Crafts, music, food and Colonial-era games will round out the afternoon's festivities.

FESTIVAL

Odunde Festival

Sunday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
23rd and South Sts.
Free
www.odundefestival.org
Odunde is one of the biggest and oldest African-American street festivals in the country, attracting up to 500,000 people every year and stretching out over several blocks. The idea behind the festival originated with the Yoruba people of Nigeria. Hundreds of food and craft vendors will be on hand, plus plenty of live music.

PHILLY BEER WEEK

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MUSIC

'From the Choir Lofts of Paris'

Sunday, 3 p.m.
Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul, 18th St. and Ben Franklin Pkwy., $15-$25, 215-587-3696, www.cathedralphilaconcerts.org
Join the Archdiocesan Choir of Philadelphia and the Archdiocesan Girls' Choir of Philadelphia as they take you around the great churches of Paris in an afternoon of sacred music. Pieces by Franck, Dupre, Messiawn, Faure, Gounod and Vierne will be performed. End the tour at Notre Dame Cathedral with the great double-organ mass, Messe Solennelle by Louis Vierne.

FASHION

Drexel University's Annual Senior Fashion Show

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www.thebelgiancafe.com
Ladies, grab your friends, don your pearls and fascinators, and head over to the Belgian Cafe for a classy afternoon of sipping beer. Four different brews will be poured while you nosh on sandwiches and sweets.

MUSIC

Kenny 'Babyface' Edmonds

Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
Keswick Theatre
291 Keswick Ave., Glenside
$57.50-67.50, 215-572-7650
www.keswicktheatre.com
If you listened to any hit song in the '90s, chances are Babyface was involved. Whether it was singing, producing or writing for superstars like Madonna and Whitney Houston, Babyface did it all, racking up 10 Grammys along the way.

JULIE SHANNON

Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. You're in an exceptionally good achievement cycle, but your victories could come about in a surprising way. It'll be a last-minute change that does the trick.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. A friend might lean on you in hopes that your capability will rub off. Do your best to help this person .

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. An opportunity to make more money from a work-related matter is yours for the taking. You may need to modify it somewhat.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22. Profit from past experience and don't fall into a trap that has snared you before. Old mistakes don't have to be repeated.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. You are likely to fare better in a joint endeavor than a solo effort. Pick your ally wisely, and you'll do quite well.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Because you're as much of a giver as you are a taker, you'll be in high demand. Your good attitude will be a boon to your team.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. To feel gratified, you'll need to engage in an activity that produces real benefits for you and others. Start the ball rolling quickly.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan 20. You'll instinctively know how to arouse interest in your wares, making you a good salesperson. Be careful when it comes to actually handling money.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb 18. One of your greatest assets is a desire to do things for others that they can't do themselves.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Mental tasks will be much easier than work requiring physical effort. If there is heavy lifting, hire helpers.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You'll have some very good chances to add to your material resources if you assert yourself. Don't be afraid to make extra funds.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. If you're permitted to use your own ideas at work, you'll stand a much greater chance of success. Do what you can on your own.

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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

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1 Cattle feed
4 "Stormy Weather" singer
8 Kilt feature
13 Earned
14 Poet's black
15 Dance under a bar
16 Rainbow goddess
17 Just touch
18 French clerics
19 Mao — -tung
20 Everybody knows them (2 wds.)
22 Clunked
24 Cameron — of film
25 Scepter
26 Classical poet
28 Hippo locale
31 Egret or heron
34 Grand in scope
35 Dross
36 Currier's partner
37 News medium
38 Dog owner's shout
39 Jiffies
40 Stripe
41 Trackster — Owens
42 201, to Claudius
43 Eggplant color
44 Leaf out
45 Polite address
47 Soft leather
51 "Look!" (3 wds.)
55 Ms. Lupino
56 Moving about
57 Perfume bottle
58 Take a header
59 This and that
60 Dashiell's peer
61 Healing succulent
62 Relieves
63 Interpret tea leaves
64 Sock hop locale

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3 Thumbs-up vote
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6 Any thing
7 Colony members
8 Unruffled
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10 Fleeces
11 Be a party to
12 Chuck
13 Padded glove
20 Garlic trait
21 King's command
23 Frock
26 Reckon
27 Grape producer
29 Paddle cousins
30 Ess molding
31 Minn. neighbor
32 With, to Maurice
33 Wreaks havoc on
34 Mr. Sevareid
35 Loses fur
37 Repair pipes
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43 San Diego team
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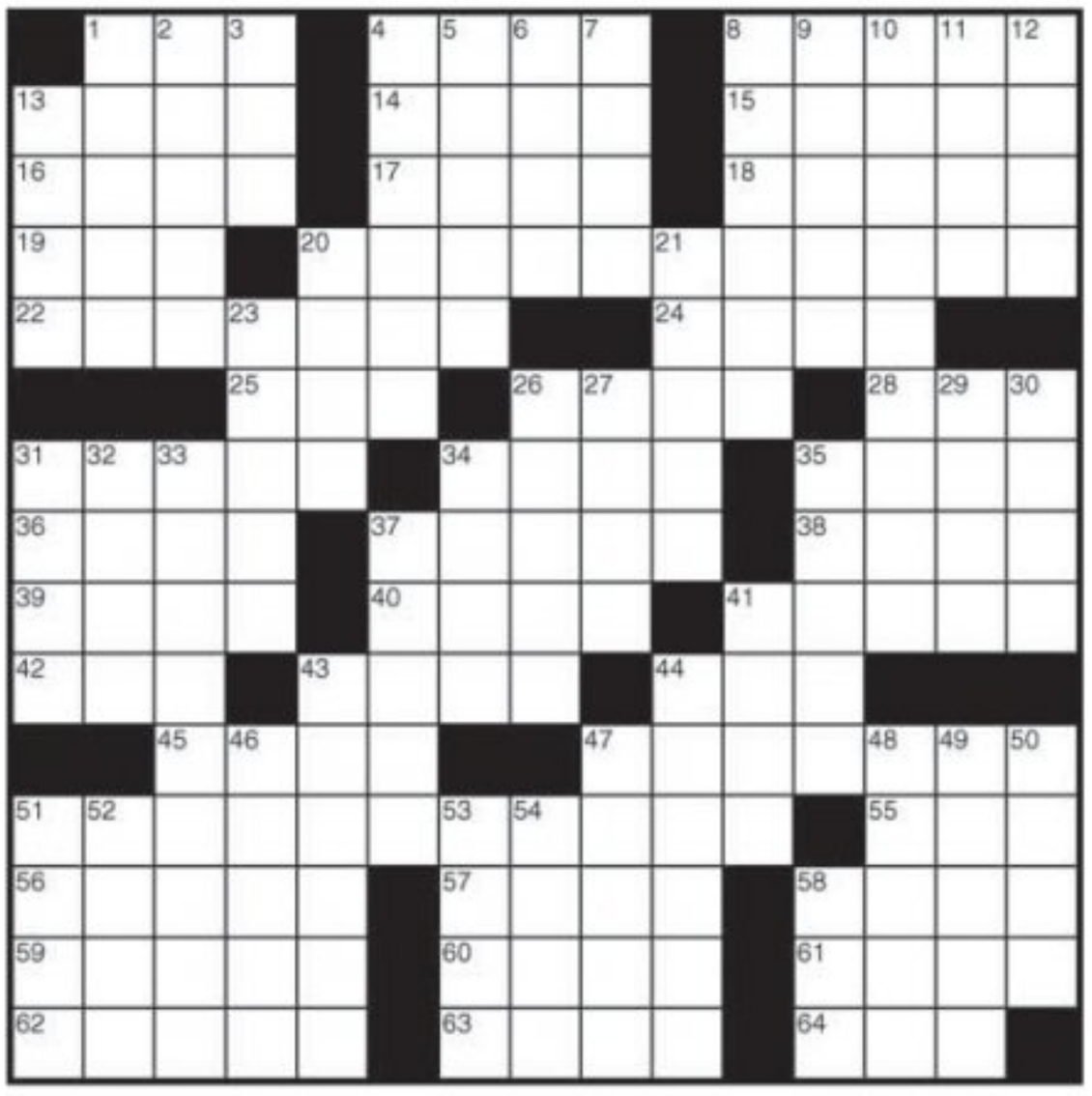

Letters

Newspaper is no place for sex

Re: Don't like it, don't read it (Metro, June 5)
Charles Rose's letter verbally chastised a previous letter writer who said Metro's sex issue was "immoral," but Mr. Rose was as vague. Just what is the "right" way to embrace creation and sex? Is your one-size-fits-all idea some kind of absolute? I think Metro should keep out of the sex biz because there is too much of it already. We are force-fed this stuff. The heading should read, "If you like it, look for it in red-light districts — not in every newspaper."
LUCY MARTINEZ, VIA EMAIL

Label GMOs

Re: What you should really know about GMOs (Metro, June 5)
I want to thank Metro's Meredith Engel for taking the time to write such an informative article on GMOs. I believe it is important to shed light to help people understand why GMO labeling is important. CLARIBEL AGUILAR WHYTE, VIA EMAIL

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Cole in control as Phils beat Marlins

MLB. Lefty solid for seven innings, Brown blasts home run in 6-1 win.

Cole Hamels found his command and improved to 2-9 after yesterday's win. / GETTY IMAGES

It appeared to be déjà vu all over again for Cole Hamels. The lefty has pitched very well against Miami this season, but he had nothing to show for it because of a lack of run support.

That all changed after Hamels left yesterday's game after seven terrific innings. The Phillies hung a crooked number on the board and beat the Marlins, 6-1, sweeping the three-game series.

When Hamels departed for a pinch-hitter, it looked like more of the same. But the Phillies broke open a 1-1 game with a two-out rally for five runs. Jimmy Rollins drove in the game-winner with a single. Ryan Howard knocked in a pair with a triple, his first since April 2011.

"Is it?" Howard asked, when informed of the drought. "When he [right fielder Marcell Ozuna] dove for it, I knew it [the ball] had a chance to go to the wall and I just went for it."

Domonic Brown hit his league-leading 18th homer by slamming a ball into the right-field seats. The Phillies are on a season-high, four-game winning streak and the club is at the .500 mark (30-30) for the first time since mid-April.

Quoted

"It's not about the personal stuff. It's about getting the team winning."

Hamels

The Phillies wouldn't be there without Hamels (2-9). He gave up four hits and one run, while striking out 11, which is the 23rd time he has hit double-digit strikeouts in his career.

"It's not about the personal stuff," Hamels said. "It's about getting the team winning. For me, it's about going deep in the game and making pitches."

Perhaps most significant is that Hamels had command. He only walked one and hit another batter.

"I've walked a lot of guys and that's not what I'm about," Hamels said. "I attack hitters. I was trying to be too fine [earlier in the season], making perfect pitches. I'm not doing that anymore."

Now that the Phils are .500, Charlie Manuel expects more.

"We're capable of getting it going," Manuel said.

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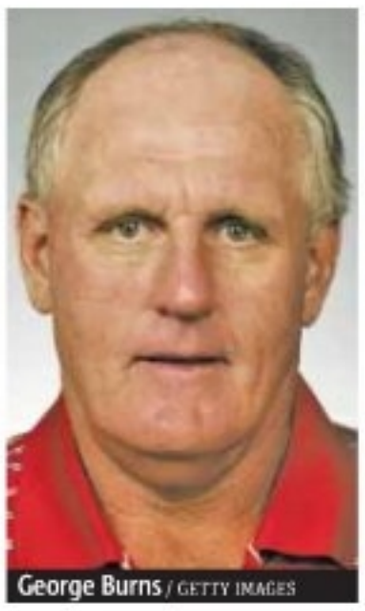
Men who almost tamed Merion

Golf. Championship contenders George Burns, Bill Rogers share memories from 1981 U.S. Open at Merion.


George Burns / GETTY IMAGES

Eye on the prize

"I had a chance to watch David's game. He was in a zone. It was a flawless round."

George Burns, talking about eventual 1981 Open champion David Graham

In the end, the day belonged to David Graham.

The Australian came from three shots off the lead to shoot a 3-under par 67 and win by three strokes, then celebrated by bringing champagne to the media room.

But the real story of the 1981 Open at Merion was the way a couple of unknown players, with famous names, nearly stole the show on the same hallowed ground where Bobby Jones, Ben Hogan and Lee Trevino had made their marks.

Long before Tiger Woods came around, Jim Thorpe became the first black man in the modern era to lead an Open. But after setting the first-round pace with a blistering 66, Thorpe faltered and finished tied for 11th.

Taking over the reins was George Burns, who led Graham by three heading into the final round, with Jack Nicklaus leading a four-man contingent another stroke back. Burns, who received a congratulatory note from his comedic namesake, concedes he did feel the pressure.

"I had never been in that position before," the 63-year-old Burns told Metro. "You're thinking you have the whole weight of the world on your shoulders. Then my agent came in and starting telling me what would happen if I won or if I didn't win. That put added pressure on me."

Burns wound up shooting a 73, missing a short putt on the 18th to drop him into a tie for second with Bill Rogers.

For Rogers, who played in the '71 Open at Merion, it was a harbinger of things to come.

"I had a lot of confidence going into the Open," said Rogers, who briefly had the lead in the middle of the third round. "I distinctly remember all day long having the feeling that I was right in the middle of it. I was there if he [Graham] made any mistakes. But he played the round of a lifetime."

Graham pocketed $55,000 for his efforts, while Rogers and Burns each earned $24,650. Rogers said the confidence gained at Merion paid huge dividends just weeks later when he won the British Open at Royal St. George's by four strokes.

"The [U.S.] Open was quite meaningful in my career," said Rogers. "I was able to ride that high and show I wasn't fearful of the big events."

Merion turned out to be Burns' last big golfing moment, while Thorpe would go on to tie for fourth in the '84 Open after sharing the first-round lead.

When the pros finally return next week for the 2013 Open, they'll have a tough act to follow.

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Hockey. Penn State interested in hosting game at stadium

The rumors of an outdoor hockey game at Penn State have surfaced many times. Now they're back.

Penn State officials have expressed interest in hosting a game at Beaver Stadium, according to WJAC-TV. The first two teams that come to mind are the Penguins and Flyers. However, the report mentioned a college game featuring Penn State's ice hockey team.

The late ex-Penn State coach Joe Paterno was reportedly against the idea of an outdoor game. New coach Bill O'Brien seems fine with it.

"I think to play a hockey game in Beaver Stadium in January or in late December would be great for this area," O'Brien told PennLive.com. METRO

MLS

Union match revealed

The Union will host either the New England Revolution or New York Red Bulls on June 26 at PPL Park in the U.S. Open Cup quarterfinals. That is, if the club beats D.C. United June 12. METRO

NFL

Eagles hire new scouts

The Eagles added three new scouts to their staff yesterday, according to the team. Michael Davis (Midwest), Trey Brown (West) and Louis Clark (Pro) join the organization. METRO

Baseball launches full investigation on PEDs

Ryan Braun is being investigated about PEDs. / GETTY IMAGES

MLB. Ryan Braun, Alex Rodriguez at center of largest doping scandal in U.S. sports history.

The bell may toll for 20 baseball players connected to a Miami clinic supplying performance-enhancing drugs, according to ESPN. It would be the largest doping scandal in American sports history.

Major League Baseball is investigating several marquee players, like Ryan Braun and Alex Rodriguez, and could serve up 100-game suspensions if they are proven guilty. No Phillies are on the list.

"The Players Association has every interest in both defending the rights of players and in defending the integrity of our joint program. We trust that the Commissioner's Office shares these interests," said union executive director Michael Weiner in a statement.

Tony Bosch, the founder of Biogenesis of America, has agreed to assist with MLB's investigation. He has previously denied any suspected drug distribution.

MLB officials refused comment, according to ESPN. Braun was scratched from the Brewers' lineup last night, but a team spokesman said it wasn't related to the investigation. METRO

He said it

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Joe Girardi, on Alex Rodriguez

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MLB News

Fantasy owners don't care if their players are doping. We don't want them to get caught. Well, a whole bunch of us are steaming as Ryan Braun is facing a lengthy suspension. However, there's no reason to go selling for pennies on the dollar. Braun could drag this thing out for a couple months via appeal.

HE'S MAKING A LIST, HE'S CHECKING IT TWICE: PLAYERS FALLING IN FANTASY DRAFTS

There are certain players that have us on the fence, waiting to see what's next. There are others we can simply cross off the board.

Perhaps the most crucial aspect of fantasy football drafting is identifying a player that has reached his career peak and is now on the downslope.

Not only will these players be overdrafted, but they'll perform well below expectation. Here are this year's prime over-the-hill candidates:

Lil' Wayne. Reggie Wayne was rejuvenated by the arrival of Andrew Luck and pass guru Bruce Arians last season. He finished with an impressive 106/1355/5 line. Over the last eight games, he managed just 45 catches for 520 yards and two touchdowns.

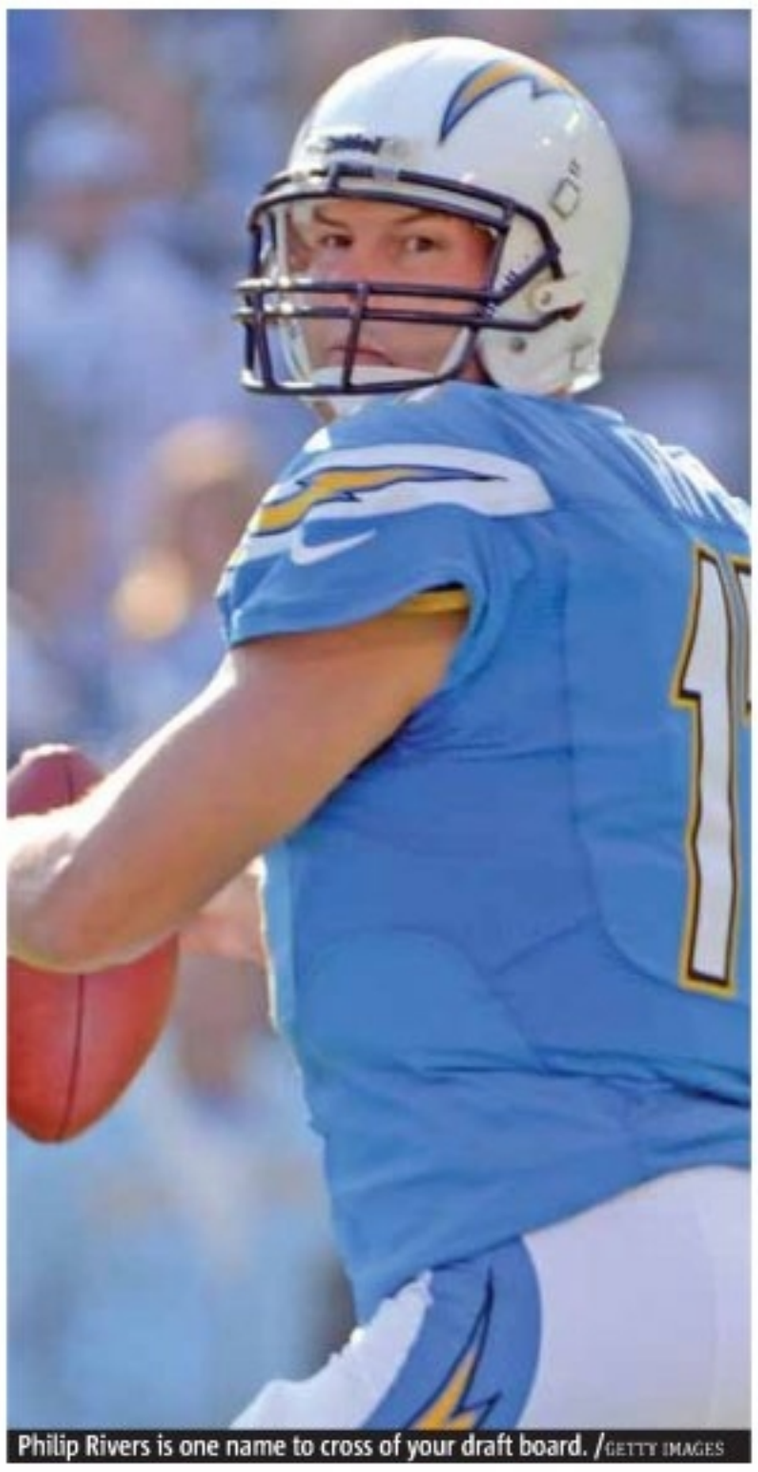
Now Wayne will turn 35 in November and Arians has fled for Arizona. Drafting based on last year's numbers will get you burned.

Rivers of Screams. For some reason, Philip Rivers remains a big name in NFL circles. The truth is that over the past two seasons, he has gone 15-17 while throwing 53 touchdowns against 47 turnovers. His yards per attempt has gone from 8.7 to 7.9 to 6.8 over the past three years.

At age 32, his arm strength is declining and he is playing behind perhaps the worst offensive line in the league. Don't take the bait.

Pocket Hercules. It's been a rough year for Maurice Jones-Drew. Last offseason, he staged an ugly holdout that produced zero wiggle from the Jaguars. Then he sustained a severe Lisfranc injury, underwent surgery in December and showed up to offseason workouts out of shape.

Last week, he allegedly sucker-punched a bouncer at a Florida restaurant. Meanwhile, MJD has 1,862 career touches on his 28-year-old wheels. It's time to let someone else take the plunge here.



Philip Rivers is one name to cross of your draft board. / GETTY IMAGES

Strong words

"At age 32, Philip Rivers' arms strength is declining and he is playing behind perhaps the worst offensive line in the league. Don't take the bait."

MLB pickups

Keep these names in mind if you are looking to tweak your fantasy baseball roster this week:

- **Yasiel Puig, OF, LA Dodgers.** Unless you've been living under a rock, you know that Puig is the second coming of Mickey Mantle.
- **Rex Brothers, RP, Colorado.** He's closing while Rafael Betancourt is hurt, but Brothers has standalone appeal as well. He has allowed one earned run in 25 2/3 innings.
- **Mike Aviles, Cleveland.** Streaky hitter that is better in fantasy than real life. Has some speed and is eligible at three positions.

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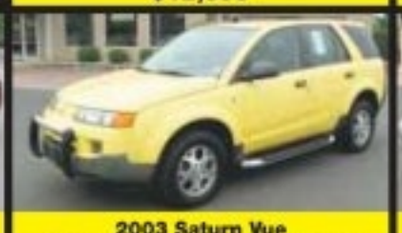
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For additional information and questions, please contact **Cobi Duncan, Executive Assistant to the Director of Compliance at 215-937-5535.**

The Mayor's Office of Community Empowerment and Opportunity Oversight Board Meetings

All meetings are open to the public.
Below are the scheduled dates:
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1401 John F. Kennedy Blvd.,
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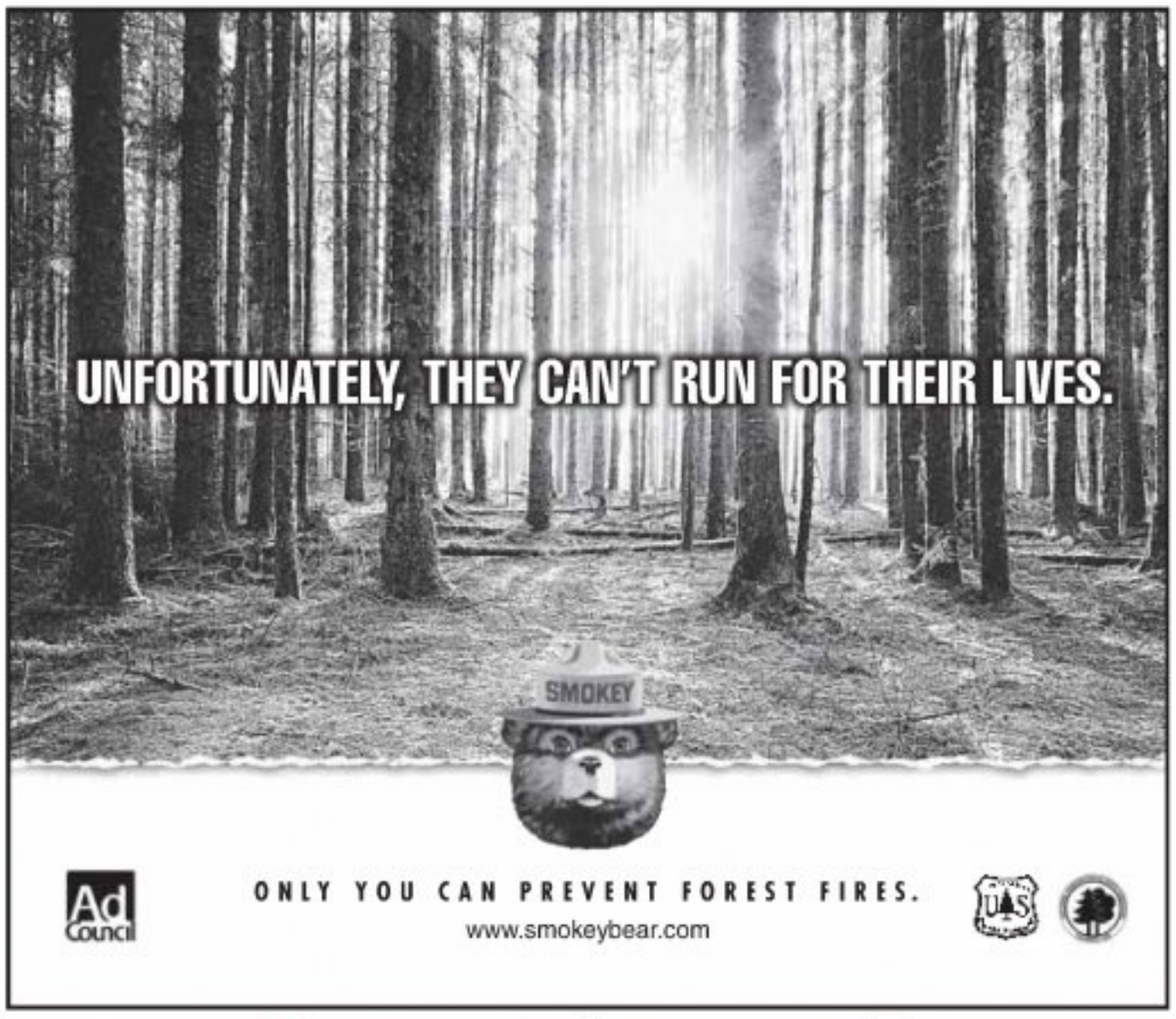

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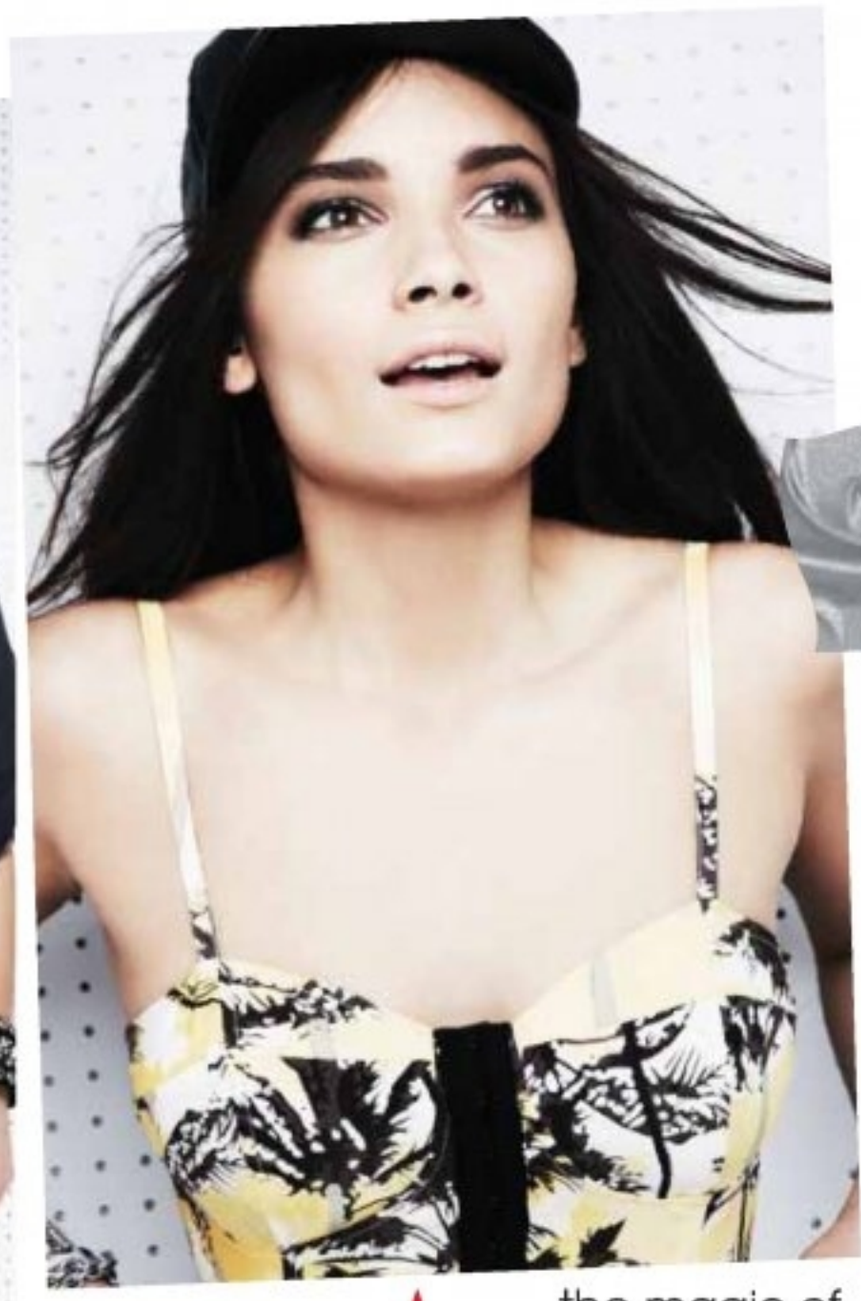

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